| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 17. Orissa | 348.44 | 418.39 |
| 18. West Bengal | 964.11 | 870.80 |
| 19. Assam | 74.61 | 86.47 |
| 20. Tripura | 10.80 | 15.40 |
| 21. Manipur | 17.43 | 32.31 |
| 22. Meghalaya | 4.62 | 5.85 |
| 23. Nagaland | 0.98 | 0.66 |
| 24. Arunachal Pradesh | 0.60 | 0.62 |
| 25. Mizoram | 1.22 | 0.80 |
| 26. Sikkim | 1.12 | 1.18 |
| Other | 73.44 | 91.48 |
| ALL INDIA | 16,772.61 | 20,796.82 |

**पहाड़ी भागों के लोगों के हकों की बहाली**

1874. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री 10 जुलाई, 1998 को राज्य सभा अतारांकित प्रश्न सं० 2605 के दिए गए उत्तर को देखेंगे और बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय सरकार ने माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय के दिनांक 23 जनवरी, 1998 के आदेश के अनुसार उत्तर प्रदेश उत्तराचल/उत्तराखंड के पहाड़ी भागों के लोगों के पूर्व हकों को बहाल करने के निर्देश दिए हैं, यदि हां, तो क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने इस संबंध में यथोचित कार्यवाही की है, यदि हां, तो उसका विवरण क्या है और यदि नहीं तो उसके क्या कारण हैं; और

(ख) क्या उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार को कोई रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हो गई है?

**पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री बाबू लाल मरांडी):** (क) माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय के 23.01.1998 के आदेश तथा 5.6.1998 के उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार के अनुरोध के अनुसरण में पहाड़ी क्षेत्रों के वन प्रभागों में क्षेत्रों के स्थानीय लोगों के वास्तविक व्यक्तिगत प्रयोग के लिए निर्धारित वन उत्पाद के संबंध में केन्द्रीय सरकार ने 31.7.1998 को अपने क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय, लखनऊ द्वारा राज्य वन विभाग को माननीय उच्चतम न्यायालय के 23.1.1998 के उपरोक्त आदेश में निहित निर्देश के अनुसार अधिकार तथा रियायतें प्राप्त करने की अनुमति दी है।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

**Afforestation along Yamuna in Delhi**

1875. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS Be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a plan for afforestation upto one kilometer, along both sides of the entire stretch of nearly 35 KMs of Yamuna in Delhi; if so, the details thereof, its cost and the period for its implementation; and

(b) whether this forms part of the plan for cleansing of Yamuna; if so, the progress made so far in implementation of the Yamuma Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) Yes, Sir. A scheme for afforestation of up to 1 kilometere on both banks of river Yamuna along the entire stretch in Delhi has been formulated by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi at a cost of Rs. 10.5 crore for implementation during the period 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002. However, the scheme has not been approved so far.

(b) Afforestation is one of the activities under Yamuna Action Plan which aims at improving the water quality of the river Yamuna. Under the Yamuna Action Plan of Government, a provision of Rs. 20.61 crore is approved for pollution abatement works in Delhi. These works include two sewage treatment plants, each of 10 MLD capacity, an electric crematorium, community toilet complexes, a bathing ghat and afforestation activities along the river banks. However, on the basis of firmed up proposals received from the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi, only two sewage treatment plants and an electric crematorium at a cost of Rs. 16.30 crore have been approved. The other schemes including the afforestation component have been dropped. Of the two sweage treatment plants, one has already been

completed. The other sewage treatment plant is targeted for completion by June 1999. An amount of Rs. 10.92 crore has been spent on these schemes so far. In addition, the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi under its own plan is constructing 13 sewage treatment plants with appurtenant works at an approved cost of Rs. 469.67 crore. Of these, five sewage treatment plants have already been commissioned, another seven are targeted for completion by December 1999 and the remaining one is targeted for completion by June 2000. So, far, an expenditure of about Rs. 329 crore has been incurred on these works by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

**Allotment of Forests Land at Sabarimala**

1876. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS Be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any request from Kerala Government for permission to allot forest land for expansion of facilities to pilgrims at Sabarimala, Kerala;

(b) if so, the reasons for delay in granting permission; and

(c) whether Governemnt are aware of recent tragedy at Sabarimala in whcih many people died?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI BABU LAL MARANDI): (a) and (b) The State Government of Kerala had earlier in 1993 submitted a proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 for diversion of 115.60 hectares of forest land in District Pathanamthitta for providing amenities to pilgrims of Sabarimala Temple. The proposed forest area formed part of Periyer Tiger Reserve. While the proposal was under process, the State Government in December, 1995 forwarded another proposal involving 20 hectares of forest land for the same purpose. The proposal was examined by the Ministry and also discussed with Nodal Officer, State Forest Department, Kerala, in May 1996. As per the discussion held with the Nodal officer, certain suggestions were made for the consideration of the kerala State Government so as to minimise any adverse environmental effect of the development activity in the area. The State Government was reminded on 9.5.97 and again on 15.9.98 to expedite the clarifications sought by the Ministry in pursuance to the discussions held with the Nodal Officer. The reply of the State Government has not been received so far. Subsequently, August, 1997, three separate proposals have been received pertaining to construction of sewage treatment plant at Cheriyanavattom near Sabarimala shrine; collection of sand have already been approved by this Ministry on 26.11.98 and 23.10.97 respectively. The proposal for quarrying of rubble was discussed in the State level Advisory Group meeting on 8.10.97 and it was decided to obtain certain details from the State Government as the proposal was not formulated properly and the project was located in the forest area earmarked for Project Elephant. Despite repeated reminders, the State Government did not furnish the requisite information and proposal was again discussed in the meeting of State Advisory Group on 15.10.98 and it was decided to close the proposal for want of essential details.

(c) Yes, Sir. However, in the absence of complete details, as mentioned above from the State Government of Kerala it would not be possible to take a final decision on the proposal.

**Project pending for environment clearance**

1877. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) What is the number of projects pending for environment clearance at present and since when these are pending;